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Serving the Holloman Air Force Base community

Friday, April 30, 2004



Briefly

Hip hop concert

A hip hop fellowship night is from 7 to 11 p.m., Saturday at the community center.

National gospel hip hop artists, Mr. Timothy Brindle and 2Five the Hood Reverend, will perform a free concert.

For more information, call the chapel at 572-7211.

Marriage seminar

Dr. Gary Chapman, marriage counselor, offers his Toward a Growing Marriage conference from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., May 8 at the chapel.

Cost of the seminar is \$35 for couples and \$20 per single. For more information, call the chapel at 572-7211.

School registration

The Holloman Primary School kindergarten orientation is from 8:30 to 9 a.m., Thursday and registration is from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Bring the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization records. Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2004 to attend kindergarten.

Buckle up!

The 49th Fighter Wing kicked off its Wear it or Walk seat belt safety campaign to meet Air Combat Command's 99 percent seat belt compliance goal and to keep the Airman at Holloman safe. The 49th Security Forces Squadron will set up check points at random to check for compliance.



Photo by Ms. Laura Pellegrino

Airborne

Mr. Kraig Janssen, 17, jumps over a ramp at the Desert Bulls Riding Area. Mr. Janssen has been riding since age 4. For more on the Desert Bulls Riding Area see page 6.

USAF band to perform in Alamo

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force Band of the West from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, performs a free concert at 2 p.m., May 16 at the Flickinger Center.

According to the band's Commander and Conductor, Maj. Dean Zarmbinski, it's a family-oriented show with music for everyone, including classical, Broadway and patriotic selections.

"The 45-member band showcases musical talent and demonstrates Air Force professionalism," he said. "We perform for communities to

thank people for their support of the men and women who serve in our nation's armed services."

The Airmen assigned to the band are professional musicians who have dedicated themselves to serving their country through music, he said.

"Music is everywhere," he said. "TV, radio, movies, elevators ... music is all around us. Being able to serve the country while making music is very fulfilling"

Major Zarmbinski is also a dedicated professional who has been a part of the Air Force Band Program since he enlisted in 1984 as a trum-

pet player for the Band of the West. He earned his commission in 1991, and has served as a band commander at various locations, in the United States and overseas. Before entering the Air Force, he was a high school band instructor in La Junta, Colo. His wife and three sons are also musicians and he said he enjoys sharing his love of music with his family.

The Band of the West travels more than 125,000 miles a year and offers nearly 400 performances annually to military and civilian audiences in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Louisiana.



High: 75
Low: 44
TODAY



High: 79
Low: 40
SATURDAY



High: 80
Low: 44
SUNDAY



High: 82
Low: 46
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

Information that Team Holloman needs to know

Telecommunications Monitoring and Assessment Program is everyone's business

by Tech. Sgt. Diana Swallows
49th Communications Squadron

All Holloman personnel need to know the following information about the Air Force Telecommunications Monitoring and Assessment Program.

Air Force military, civilian and contractor personnel use numerous unsecured telecommunications devices such as desk and cellular telephones, radios, personal digital assistants, fax machines and computer networks, which are susceptible to hostile intercept and exploitation.

Department of Defense telecommunications systems are provided for conducting Official Government Business and are subject to monitoring and assessment for security purposes.

The purpose of monitoring and assessment operations is to obtain information similar to that col-

lected by foreign Signals Intelligence, or SIGINT, activities.

Monitor teams then analyze disclosures of classified or sensitive information that may adversely affect U.S. and allied operations and provide a report to the requesting commander, thereby affording him or her a basis for corrective action.

By using any government furnished telecommunication device you give your consent to be monitored and agree not to discuss classified information over unsecure means.

More information about TMAP can be found in Air Force Instruction 33-219, Telecommunications Monitoring and Assessment Program.

For more information, contact your unit's work group manager TMAP representative, or call the 49th Fighter Wing Information Assurance Office at 572-3535.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

An Air Force civilian uses and unsecured telecommunications devices, which is susceptible to hostile intercept and exploitation.

Holloman Hotline 572-7500

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

If you want to pass on praise for a job well done, contact the supervisor or commander directly who can provide the appropriate recognition to the individual or group. The unit commanders and agency chiefs want to help. Let them try first.

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Fraud, waste and abuse2-3713

One-way woes

Q: Most people know that driving the wrong way on a one-way street is dangerous and a good way to get yourself and others killed or injured. The parking lots around the dorms are one way streets. I have seen over a hundred vehicles pass the wrong way in front of the 330 and 331 dorms. I have seen many near misses some of them in my own vehicle. I have even seen an off-duty security forces officer in his privately owned vehicle going the wrong way and almost plow into one of my coworkers in his POV. I have talked to the dorm counsel about getting some "do not enter" signs and our arrows repainted and the response I got was there are too many signs on base and they will get repainted when they repaint the parking lots. On the repainting schedule our parking lot does not even show up as scheduled. What will it take to get rid of this safety hazard? Does someone need

to be hit head-on by an oncoming truck while riding a motorcycle leaving their disfigured body on the truck's hood to get things changed? This problem needs to be fixed now before someone gets hurt or killed.

A: You're absolutely right! Thanks for bringing this to my attention. Our security forces squadron surveyed the dormitory parking lots and contacted the civil engineers to order additional signs and repaint the directional arrows on the streets. The street markings have been completed and 49th CES will install new signs once they arrive. All Airmen should know how important it is to pay attention to detail. People should slow down and consider how driving recklessly can endanger not only their life, but others as well.

Thanks again for your concern for the safety of our personnel.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI **21**
DUIs this year **18**
This week last year **12**

Last six DUIs

- 49 CS April 11
- 49 CES March 27
- 49 OSS* March 22
- 49 MMS Feb. 21
- 8 AMU Feb. 16
- 49 MMS Feb. 13

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

410 Saves this year
19 Saves this week



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8. Singer Cantrell
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11. Fire
13. Rule
15. *Huckleberry Finn* writer
16. Moslem prayer leaders
18. Computer laugh?
19. USAF forward operating location in Alaska
21. Mining goal
22. Shoe brand
24. Actor Diesel of XXX
25. Ledge
26. “Man of a Thousand Faces” Chaney
27. Shock
29. Emergency code
31. California AFB home to SMSC
34. *Roseanne* sitcom star Gilbert
35. Fur coat
36. Italy AB home to 831 MUNSS
38. Coast on Hawaii’s ‘Big Island’
39. Small island
40. Swathe

42. Treaty
46. Soak in liquid
49. Type of tides
52. French explorer Rene Robert Cavelier de La _____
53. Colorado AS home to NORAD (pt.1)
55. Alabama USAF annex to 17 DOWN
56. First CMSAF
57. Explosive
58. Hearing tool
59. Second part of 53 ACROSS
60. African country _____ Leone
DOWN
1. Hawaii AFS
2. Actress Lucy of Xena
3. Place on jet aircraft where air is drawn in
4. Immediately
5. North Dakota AFB home to 319th ARW
6. Phone
7. Not make the grade
8. Legume
9. Beginning of American Navy vessels
12. Comic book superheroes
14. Commander’s place of control

17. Alabama base home to Air University
20. Florida AS
23. Singer Fitzgerald
26. Tail marking for Barksdale AFB
27. Pub drinks
28. Spanish east
30. Hawaiian island home to Hickam AFB
32. Paulo and Roque
33. Prefix for close to
34. Knight’s title
37. Pesticide
41. Tied
42. Bad review
43. Change
44. Alaska AFS
45. Surface area of the moon
46. Scheme
47. State home to Wright-Patterson AFB
48. Home to Machu Picchu
49. Belgian artist Bernard (1825-80)
50. Against
51. *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* actor Sean
52. 70s singer Quatro
54. Japanese currency

CJR ‘waiting list’ program returns

Continuing their Air Force journey may require some first-term Airmen to retrain into a new career specialty.

In an effort to meet end strength goals under Force Shaping, the Air Force will reinstate the Career Job Reservations program May 1, by limiting reenlistments of constrained Air Force specialties by establishing quotas, a rank order/wait list, and CJR application windows.

“All first-term Airmen must have an approved career job reservation prior to reenlisting in the Air Force,” said Tech. Sgt. Dee Wolfe, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Air Force Reenlistments at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. “That job reservation may now be a little bit harder to get depending on their specialty.”

Limiting CJRs is the latest in a series of Air Force initiatives to ensure the service keeps people only where they are needed.

What that means is first-term Airmen serving in career fields that are currently constrained may not be allowed to reenlist, unless they are approved to retrain in another specialty.

“Those who are not approved for retraining or do not receive a CJR will be projected for separation,” said Master Sgt. Robert Tullgren, Enlisted Skills Management Branch superintendent. “We encourage Airmen to continue serving the military with the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, or through military civilian employment.

“The list of constrained Air Force specialties and quotas are established by Air Staff,” he added.

Only first-term Airmen selected for reenlistment by their commander under the Selective Reenlistment Program will be allowed to apply for a CJR.

How it will work:

Airmen in their CJR window will receive a monthly written notification advising them of eligibility for a CJR. The notification will also advise them of retraining or separation options.

First-term Airmen (to include National Call to Service enlistees) may apply for a CJR on the first duty day of the month during which they complete 35 months on their current enlistments (59 months for six-year enlistees), but no later than the last duty day of the month during which they complete 43 months on their current enlistments (67 months for six-year enlistees or 38 months for National Call to Service enlistees).

Airmen desiring to reenlist in constrained specialties will be placed on a CJR waiting list and “rank ordered” to compete monthly for available CJR quotas within their Air Force Specialty.

A member’s rank on the waiting list may alter as their information changes, or as new members apply.

The factors determining how Airmen will compete for available quotas and ranked on the waiting list is determined by the following: unfavorable information file, top three enlisted performance reports, current grade, projected grade, date of rank, total active federal military service date and date of birth.

Airmen will receive final rank-order consideration during the last month of their CJR window. That’s when Airmen will face the final decision of whether to separate or retrain into a shortage career field.

For more information, contact the local Military Personnel Flight’s reenlistment office or visit the AFPC Reenlistment Website at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/CJR.htm>.



Photo by Ms. Laura Pellegrino

Mr. Mark Sprayberry, All-terrain vehicle certified instructor, exits a corner on the base's new off-road vehicle area. The track is on the base's north side, past the 4th Space Control Squadron.

Riding with the Desert Bulls

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

Any Team Holloman member who enjoys riding dirt bikes or all-terrain vehicles is not alone. The Desert Bulls Riding Club is recruiting new members to train, practice and have fun riding on its new on-base track.

"The more people we train, the more people we'll get out to the track and the more fun it will be," said Sergeant Scott Janssen, ATV certified instructor.

Training is required to ride an ATV or dirt bike on base. Sergeant Janssen and three other members of the club are certified by the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America to provide the appropriate training for ATV riders. Currently, they are working on a qualification program for dirt bike riders as well. This will be a local Desert Bulls riding area-only course.

The training, which takes about four hours, covers safe operations, taking corners,

how to go over hills, and what to do in case of an accident.

The Desert Bulls Riding Area is a one-mile long track that will be good for new and experienced riders once completed, Sergeant Janssen said.

Currently, the track can be used but has some rough spots. Club members have been working every weekend to improve the track by creating ramps, adding mulch to soften landings and minimize dust and flatten riding surfaces.

"Anyone who comes out can grab a shovel," Sergeant Janssen said. "It's going to be what we make of it. I think we can make it a place where we can hold special events."

According to Mr. Mark Sprayberry, ATV certified instructor, it is important to wear the proper safety equipment when riding on the track.

Long pants, long-sleeved shirt, over the ankle boots, a helmet, full-fingered gloves and goggles can all minimize injuries on the track, he said.

Also, riders should use the buddy system and never ride alone.

Children can also ride on the track, but must also go through the ATV training first. Certified club members will train anyone who wants to ride the Desert Bulls track for free.

"The Desert Bulls Riding Area is a really good alternative place to ride," Sergeant Janssen said. "It's close to home, and close to emergency facilities should an accident happen."

Although the club is in its early stages, its members hope to grow and make their track enjoyable for all riders.

"The more help we can get, the better it will be," Sergeant Janssen said.

The next Desert Bulls Riding Club meeting is 11 a.m., May 11 in the community center ballroom.

For more information about joining the Desert Bulls Riding Club or using the Desert Bulls Riding Area, call Sergeant Janssen at 572-7147.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from April 20 to Monday.

Tickets

Security Forces issued nine tickets: one for no license, one for no registration, one for expired registration, one for shoplifting, one for inattentive driving and four for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit.

Patrol response

- April 23 – An officer reported his ex-wife violated a restraining order.

- April 24 – A civilian reported a retiree's family member was apprehended for shoplifting at the base exchange.

Property loss, damage or theft

- April 20 – An NCO reported his privately owned vehicle was damaged while parked in the base housing area.

- April 22 – An Airman reported six motorcycles were knocked over in the POV sales lot.

- April 22 – An NCO reported his motorcycle was knocked over in the building 15 parking lot when someone accidentally tripped over the kickstand.

- April 22 – An Airman reported damage to his POV.

April 22 – An Airman reported damage to the window in his dorm room.

- April 22 – A golf cart was damaged when it collided with ground equipment at building 901.

- April 26 – An Airman reported his POV was hit by a softball at Johnson Field.

- April 26 – There was a minor accident between a government-owned vehicle and a fixed object at building 898.

Civil Arrest

- April 24 – An Airman was arrested on 10th Street for failure to pay fines.

- April 25 – An Airman was arrested on 8th Street because of multiple warrants.

The 49th Security Forces Squadron is requesting any information regarding theft of government property from Dormitory 337. A Bose stereo system (5 speakers and subwoofer) and a DVD/VHS player were stolen from the dayroom of the dorm.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, call the Security Forces Investigations Section at 572-7177.

If you know of or have any information concerning any of these incidents, please contact security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial "911".

What's going on in the Tularosa Basin and beyond...

Saturday in the Park

Saturday in the Park, an event honoring military personnel from Holloman, is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 15 at Washington Park. Various profit and non-profit groups will have booths throughout the park featuring military displays, food, beverages, baked goods, arts and crafts and games.

For more information, call 439-4142 extension 12 or 17.

Cherry festival

The 2004 High Rolls Cherry Festival is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 19 and 20 in High Rolls. There will be entertainment in addition to food and drink, cherry and cherry product sales, plenty of activities for kids, and about 55 arts/crafts vendors from around the region. High Rolls is on U.S. highway 82. Parking and admission are free. Visit the Web site at www.highrollsfestivals.com.

For more information, call 682-1151.

Comedy show

Nationally known singer/comedian Broderick Rice will per-

form at 7 p.m., Saturday at Christian Joy Center Church in El Paso, Texas, 1208 Sumac Dr. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Christian Joy Center Alamogordo, 1502 East 10th St. and Star of the Morning Christian Book Store, 1508 East 10th St. Children 2 and under are free. The event is limited seating and there is an additional charge at the door.

For more information call the Christian Joy Center Church at (915) 595-1307.

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life event is today to Saturday at Griggs Field in Alamogordo. For more information, call Ms. Beth Markle 479-6026 or e-mail eam@zianet.com.

Petting zoo

Hedrick's Educational Petting Zoo will be in Alamogordo from 10 a.m. to dark, Thursday through May 9 outside of K-Mart. Cost is \$1 or one K-Mart receipt.

Softball tourneys

• Class D & E Men's Softball Tournament: May 15 and 16.

Cost is \$125 and entry deadline is May 3.

• Men's Class D State Qualifier: June 4 to 6 at White Sands Missile Range. Cost is \$125 and entry deadline is May 21.

• Women's Open Softball Tournament: July 10 and 11 at White Sands Missile Range. Cost is \$125 and the entry deadline is June 30.

• Second annual World Armed Forces Regional Qualifier: July 23 to 25 at White Sands Missile Range. Cost is \$175 and entry deadline is July 9.

For more information, call Mr. Bill Velez at (505) 678-3374 or e-mail velezw@wsmr.army.mil or cowboyvelez@msn.com.

Airplane rides

The Holloman Aero Club is hosting a General Aviation Day Saturday. One to three people per plane can take a 30-minute flight over Alamogordo and Tularosa for \$15 per person. Space is limited.

To reserve a spot, call the Aero Club at 572-3752 by today.

Charlotte's Web

Charlotte's Web, a children's play, is presented by New Mexico State University-Alamogordo's Theater on the Hill at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and 3 p.m., Sunday at the Rohovec Fine Arts Center, on the NMSU-A campus, 2400 Scenic Drive. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$2 for children.

For more information, call 439-3619.

La Llorona

Fiesta Finale, "La Llorona", New Mexico's ghost story, will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave. After the pageant, theatre-goers may remain on the Fiesta grounds for complimentary Mexican foods and traditional entertainment.

For more information, call 437-2202.



BRIEFS

Maintenance course

Housing Maintenance, with help from Home Depot, is sponsoring a screwdriver maintenance class at the housing self-help store from 8 a.m. to noon, May 22. The class is open to all residents who live in base housing. There will also be a workshop for kids age 5 to 13. Sign up at the self-help store, housing maintenance or the housing office. Hot dogs and sodas will be available. There will be licensed supervision for the younger kids while the parents attend the class.

For more information or to sign up, call 572-5784 or 572-7901.

Fashion show

The fashion show, "A Spring of Style," sponsored by the Airmen's Advisory Council, is from 3 to 5:30 p.m., May 8 at the Whispering Sands Community Center. The show features entertainment by the Holloman Middle School Falcon Cheerleaders, Keystone Steppers, D.J. Scotty Scott and many more.

All proceeds benefit the Holloman Youth and Teen Center and the Boys and Girls Club of Otero County.

Admission is \$5 for ages 11 and older and free for ages 10 and younger.

For more information, call 430-3204.

Fun Run/Walk

The third annual Holloman High Speed Test Track Mach 10K Fun Run/5K Walk is 7 a.m., May 22 at the test track. The 10 kilometer run begins at 8 a.m. and the 5 kilometer walk begins at 8:10 a.m.

Early registration is \$15 and late and race day registration is \$20. The event is open to all Holloman or



Photo by Ms. Laura Pellegrino

On top of the world

Staff Sgt. Leon Calloway, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Electrical Systems craftsman, performed his reenlistment ceremony in a bucket truck 35-feet above the ground. 1st. Lt. John Ebron, 49th CES section commander led the ceremony.

military identification card holders.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Michael Knight at 679-2933 or 1st Lt. Kendall Okeson at 679-2204.

Detour

Starting Tuesday, a portion of 49er Avenue will be closed and a detour will be provided as the contractor joins the new part of 49er Avenue with the existing. The posted speed limit for this detour is 15 mph. Expect possible delays.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Stacy Nimmo at 572-5832.

Honors classes

Holloman Middle School will continue to offer honors classes for eighth grade students next school year. The classes offered for ninth grade credit (high school) are English, science, algebra 1, and U.S. history/world geography.

Entrance exams for these classes will be after school during the week of May 10 to 13. Students are asked to sign up in the counselor's office

prior to testing week.

For more information, call Mr. Dennis Frye at 479-2282.

Pizza and cookie kit sale

Keystoners is sponsoring a fundraiser for their 2004 Southwest Regional TEENS Supreme Conference in July at Austin, Texas. Little Caesar Pizza Kits and Cookie Dough Tubs contain all the ingredients to bake delicious pizza, bread and cookies at home in minutes. Items range in price from \$12.75 to \$18.

The deadline for orders is May 21. Orders will be delivered June 1 and 2.

For more information, call Matrice Adger at 572-3753.

Chicago natives wanted

Air Combat Command is looking for Air Force members from the greater Chicago area to be spotlighted for during the city's Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. A number of Chicago businesses with store-front display windows have agreed to dedicate their

space to military-themed displays.

ACC needs photos of Air Force members from Chicago and the area up to 70 to 80 miles surrounding Chicago. They need high quality images. The person's face should be the dominant element in the photo.

Also include the person's full name, rank, hometown city and state and unit.

Submissions should be made by May 4.

For more information, call 572-5406.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School and Catholic Religious Education, 10:45 a.m.

B On the IG SCREEN

Taking Lives (R)

6 and 9 p.m., today

Dawn of the Dead (R)

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

Never Die Alone (R)

6 p.m., Sunday

For a limited time, tickets are 99 cents.



Oasis Pizza heats up Holloman AFB

by Senior Airman
Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 49th Fighter Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt sliced the first pizza during the grand opening of Oasis Pizza April 22 at the com-

munity Center.

The Oasis Pizza hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday, 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday and 4 to 12 p.m., Sunday.

Dine in or call for free delivery at 572-4444.



Mr. Ziggy Kruszewski shovels pizza during the Oasis Pizza grand opening April 22 at the community center.



Photos by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

The 49th Fighter Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt sliced the first pizza during the grand opening of Oasis Pizza April 22 at the community Center.



(Left) The Oasis Pizza staff prepared free pizza for the grand opening April 22 at the Whispering Sands Community Center.

Dust off the gloves and bust out the bats . . . ‘Tis the season for softball



Photos by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

The 49th Medical Group shortstop, Natalie Flores snags a ball during the first game of the Women's Five-Ball softball season. The 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron beat the 49th MDG and the 49th Services Squadron, 8-3-3.



49th Maintenance Squadron maintenance flight third baseman, Brent Fangman tries to put a tag on AMMOs Daniel Hansford during maintenance flight's 22-5 win over AMMO Tuesday.



AMMO B team first baseman, JD Bower tags the base as Thomas Bivens runs through during 49th Maintenance Squadron maintenance flight's 23-5 win Tuesday.



Ryan Arrigo, 9th Fighter Squadron center fielder makes a catch during their 22-1 loss against the 49th Operation Support Squadron Tuesday.



The 49th AMMO coach Philip Wilson throws to first baseman, JD Bower during their first game of the intramural softball season against the 49th Maintenance Squadron maintenance flight.

Mentoring students becomes a matter of PRIDE

by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

During a school year, teachers encourage students to develop a sense of pride in their school and individual accomplishments. A program at the schools on Holloman AFB is trying to redefine that pride and take it to a new level.

Falcon PRIDE is a community-mentoring program designed to assist students with social and civic development, according to Ms. Silvia Papp, program designer and coordinator. Throughout the year, the students participated in group discussions and activities on the traits of perseverance, respect, integrity, determination and excellence – which are the attributes that make the framework of Falcon PRIDE program and are qualities students need for success.

The students and staff at Holloman Middle School selected the words for PRIDE at the beginning of the year, and mentors and students focused on these traits each month. While the program originally focused on the middle school, the idea quickly expanded to encompass the base's intermediate Eagle PRIDE and primary Eaglet PRIDE schools as well.

"I believe PRIDE has created a strong focus and vision for our students and staff to live by," said Maria Showalter, principal at HMS. "Team Holloman and community members provide a strong leadership role in this area – and that influences the students."

She said she believes the program has helped create an environment where students and staff alike strive toward continuous improvement and embrace the importance of personal choices.

"We recently had 5th graders from the intermediate school tour HMS for an orientation," said Ms. Showalter. "When I was speaking to the students, I mentioned how our school tries to model Falcon PRIDE. I asked the students if they knew the meaning of PRIDE, and to my amazement, I had students shouting out the words. In fact, one girl recited them all without hesitation. To me this signifies how this program has touched more lives than we can imagine."

The principal of Holloman's primary school also saw the impact of the PRIDE presentations.



Photo by Ms. Silvia Papp

Staff Sgt. Hilario Torres, 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron, discusses a Falcon PRIDE topic with the 8th graders in Ms. Tina Lucas' social studies class.

"Our students were thrilled to have mentors come to their classrooms and instruct them on the components of PRIDE," said Jerry Lott, Holloman Primary School principal. "One class of second graders made mobiles on 'perseverance' – and one student said her mobile was a reminder that she would persevere in regard to her spelling for a better grade. I have to give credit to the mentors and teachers for that kind of pride in our students."

In providing guidance, personal stories and a real-life example to the students, Falcon PRIDE mentors also got a look at things that influence the students.

"This last session – excellence – made me realize what a huge impact parents and family have on their children," said Master Sgt. Kevin Wood, 49th Aeromedical Dental Squadron. "Almost all the students gave parents and grandparents as an example of excellence in their lives. Many students also said their teachers were an example – which

shows what a great job our teachers are doing here."

Staff Sgt. Hilario Torres, 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron, said meeting and talking with the students was a highlight to the program.

"PRIDE has helped me better understand today's world, kids and their needs," he said. "My interaction with the students was a great positive point."

Araya Cater, an 6th grader at the middle school, said the presentations helped in her daily life.

"PRIDE was good for me," she said. "It helped me a lot because if I had a problem, the talk with my mentor would help me find the solution to my problem."

Ms. Papp said there are no plans for big changes for next year, but she would like to add more mentors next year. Additionally, she wants to make sure those mentors have opportunities to come to the schools more often.

"We've started a valuable tradition,"

she said. "I'm very pleased with the way the program has run this year. We had almost 70 mentors between the three schools – and there is plenty of room for more mentors next year. I'm also hoping to have a 'PRIDE Fair' at the end of the next school year so all of the students and mentors can share a panel discussion on the topics covered during the year."

Ms. Papp emphasized how important a motivated, caring role model has on a student's life. Not only do they have a better chance of success in school, but also in life – and Falcon PRIDE focuses on school, community and home efforts in the same direction.

Falcon PRIDE volunteers not only develop a valuable relationship with the students and the school staff; they also build a bridge between the school and the community, she said. "The more people who get involved with the program, the stronger that student-school-community relationship can become."

Local VFW enhances lives

by Ms. Laura Pellegrino

Sunburst staff writer

When someone makes a difference in another person's life, that impact stretches beyond a single person to a community.

Using that calculation, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7686 and its 1,700 members have impacted nearly everyone at Holloman and in Alamogordo.

"Our national charter is that we will support our veterans and their families, orphans and children," said Mr. Dan Roper, VFW senior vice-commander. "That's always our first concern. But we also look for what we can do in our community. Because we have an Air Force base here, our mission is supporting our comrades."

The number of ways the VFW has supported the community and active-duty members is countless. They have donated more than \$51,000 to Alamogordo within the last five months, Roper said.

"The spectrum of places that we've donated to is huge," he said. "We've gotten the Alamogordo High School ROTC unit equipment and donated to the local nursing homes."

On Thanksgiving, members of the VFW and volunteers fed more than 1,000 people. They have also supported Team Holloman members by adopting squadrons and ensuring they have what they need for their deployments.

"In the most recent deployment, the 49th Security Forces Squadron deployed folks at 3 a.m. on a Saturday and a Sunday," Roper said. "We went out there with snacks and juice boxes and made sure they were taken care of for the trip."

The group has also donated items like cards and stationary to already deployed members to ensure they stay in touch with friends and family at home.

Recently, the VFW donated \$400 to security forces so they could purchase headstones for their deceased working dogs. At a memorial ceremony for one working dog, Tarzan, VFW members noticed some of the graves were unmarked.

"We thought, 'these are active duty folks, and they are certainly veterans, so let's get them some headstones,'" Mr. Roper said.

Besides helping active duty members, the VFW has also donated numerous phone cards to

spouses so they could stay in touch with their families.

But in accord with their national charter, the VFW often honors their fallen comrades. They participate in the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony, plant flags on the graves of veterans at local cemeteries on Memorial Day and bring a wreath to the Veterans' memorial at the courthouse on Veteran's Day.

Because of the work the VFW has done for the community, they won the 2003 Outstanding Community Service Award from the National VFW.

According to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Web site, VFW has a tradition of enhancing people's lives through service programs and special projects.

"From providing free phone cards to our nation's active-duty military personnel to raising money for the World War II memorial, the VFW is there 'honoring the dead by helping the living,'" the Web site said.

To check for VFW membership eligibility, go to www.vfw.org.

For more information, call Mr. Roper at 442-9396 or B.J. Lawrence at 430-4504.

Smart plants for desert living

Living in the northern Chihuahuan Desert, and although there's been some rain in the last month, the rain has not broken the drought New Mexico is in.

Some of the plants, such as pansies and roses, can use more water and are often less heat-tolerant than drought and heat tolerant native species. In response to regional water restrictions, and in conjunction with the base initiative to convert traditional landscaping to xeriscaping, the Housing Self-Help Store will no longer issue roses, pansies or sweet William plants to housing residents.

Instead, Self-Help will issue three desert plants that will be drought tolerant and will stand up to the local hot summer weather.

Planting drought tolerant plants require regular watering while becoming established during the first growing season, and later, once they're established, they may require supplemental watering during extremely hot and/or dry periods.

The three plants the housing office will issue are: desert zinnia, desert sand verbena and dogweed. Desert zinnia is a small perennial plant (less than six inches tall), with creamy white flowers throughout summer and fall. Desert sand verbena is a low-growing perennial groundcover, with pink to white flowers throughout the spring and early summer. Dogweed is another low growing perennial plant, with dark green leaves and plentiful small yellow flowers all summer long.

In addition to the plants the Housing Self-Help Store issues, there is an extensive list of plants that are acceptable for planting on the base.

The full list (Landscaping Plants Allowed at Holloman) is available for housing residents at the Housing Self-Help Store, and for other base community members the list is also available from the Industrial Self-Help Store.

There is also a reference book



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

Senior Airman Dwayne Scott, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, picks up flowers at the Self-Help Store Wednesday.

showing general information sheets and color photographs for most of the plants on the list in each of the self-help store locations. Additionally, a copy of the list can be obtained and the book of photos can also be

viewed at the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight.

For more information on drought tolerant desert plants, contact Ms. Jeanne Dye, at 572-3931.

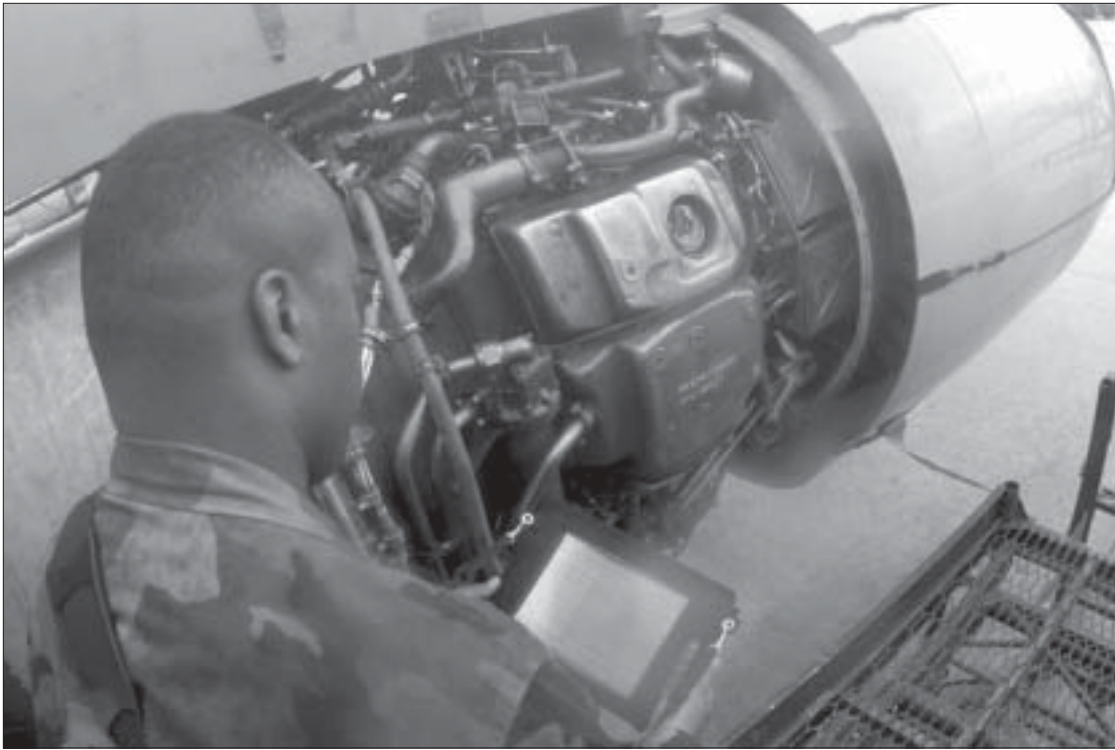


Photo by Senior Airman Tim Beckham

Tech. Sgt. Matt Jones uses a new wearable computer while inspecting an engine at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. With the computers, maintainers will be able to identify, order, ship and pay for parts directly from the flightline. Sergeant Jones is the integrated electronic technical manual program manager.

Wearable computers move to flightline

by Senior Airman Tim Beckham
116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

Maintenance is about to change because of new tools maintainers will have at their disposal.

Through a pilot program at the 116th Air Control Wing here, 116th Maintenance Group workers are beginning to integrate a new wearable computer, which can be used across the maintenance spectrum.

The small personal computers can be worn either on the chest or hip and are being tested as a possible replacement for printed manuals currently used.

“With (the) integrated electronic technical manual, the flightline mechanic will have access to a wealth of information needed to perform (his or her) duties,” said Tech. Sgt. Matt Jones, the electronic manual’s project manager.

“Having these tools at the maintainers’ fingertips is actually a virtual office on the flightline,” said Col. Terry Kinney, 116th MXG commander. “It will have much of the same desktop software that we currently use, like e-mail capabilities and the capabilities to identify, order, ship and pay for parts directly from the flightline.”

The computers will also have an electronic copy of technical orders, which maintainers use to perform their jobs. Not only will maintainers have their TOs at their disposal, but they will also be able to send video of damages back to the shop and aircraft engineers through a wireless network.

Computer users will be able to take a picture

from the flightline and send it back to the subject matter expert, said Tech. Sgt. Paul Spalding, program manager.

“It provides a safer more unencumbered work environment by allowing the maintainer to have his TO at immediate disposal,” Colonel Kinney said.

Officials from the 116th MXG are also looking at undergoing another pilot program that will incorporate using a unique-identification system, which may benchmark the way the Air Force controls parts inventory.

“Together they have the potential to change business on the flightline,” Colonel Kinney said. “The capability to repair, order, ship and pay for parts on the ramp will significantly reduce the amount of time it currently takes to do the same business. A great spin off is it will reduce the need for human intervention and potential administrative errors.”

The identification system is a Department of Defense-mandated program that goes into effect in 2005.

“Our vision for (the system) is to facilitate item tracking in DOD business systems and to provide reliable and accurate data for program management and accountability purposes in our engineering, acquisition, financial, property, plant and equipment accountability,” said Michael Wynne, acting undersecretary of defense.

The Air Force-designated pilot program will try to “partner up” the new computer and the identification system to make life as easy as possible for the people working on the flightline, officials said. (AFPN)

Holloman Hero

Senior Airman

Jennifer Ochoa-Cruz

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Duty title: Commander's support staff personnel

Time in service: Three years and five months

Time at Holloman: One year and three months

Hometown: San Antonio

Personal and career goals:

My personal goals in life would be: To save for a beautiful home to settle down in with my husband, to start our family, and to make our future dreams come true. My career goals would be: to retire as Chief Master Sergeant like my father, or to get my degree and get commissioned in the medical field.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

Serving the Air Force is important to me, because I was raised in a military family. I'm proud to be following the foot steps of my father, my step-mother/father, my older brother and of course my husband whom have all served or are serving the Air Force now. It makes me proud to know I have served the Air Force during some of the most critical deserving times in history.

The Air Force has done such a great job in making my life as safe as possible and my career very rewarding. I'll continue to serve proudly and help keep our country and other countries as safe as possible.

What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of?

The accomplishment

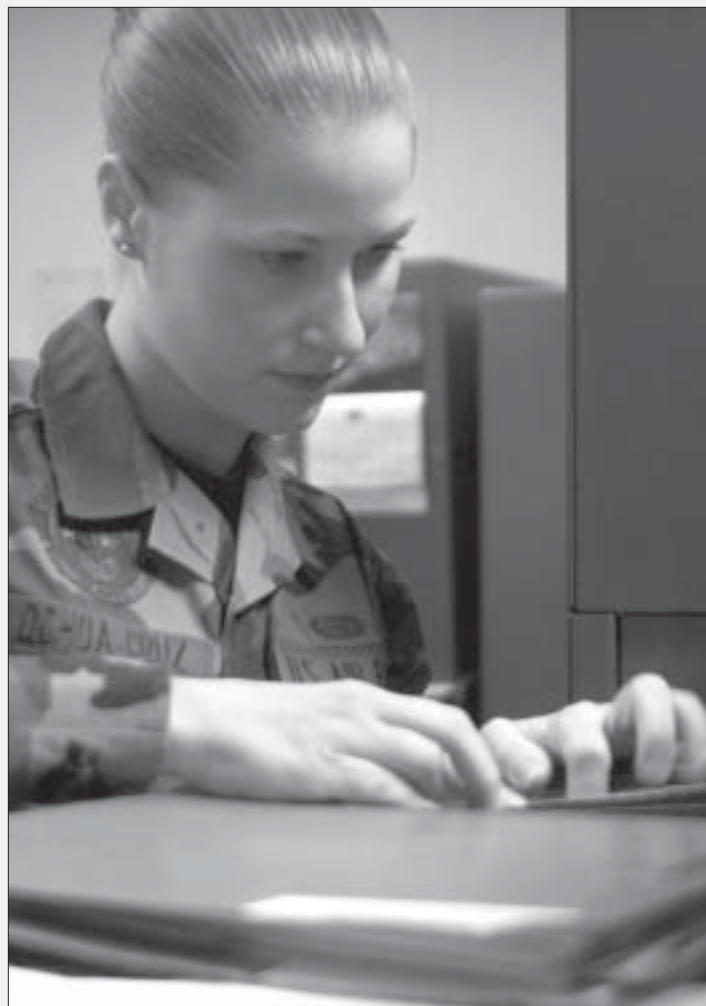


Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

during my Air Force career I'm most proud of would be winning Unit Level Personnelist of the Year from October 2002- September 2003.

I'm very proud I have been given such a wonderful award.

Core value portrayed: "Service before self"

Senior Airman Ochoa-Cruz exemplifies service before self. Airman Ochoa-Cruz is an enthusiastic troop who is constantly striving to do her best to help others. It's been a real

pleasure working with someone so eager to do a good job and to watch her grow in leaps and bounds. She definitely deserved the Unit Level Personnelist of the Year Award. She has big things in her future.

– Lt. Col. Cedric George
49th AMXS commander

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at: https://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

First Air Force provides top cover for America

by 2nd Lt. Albert Bosco
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

While much of the Air Force is engaged overseas, one organization has remained behind to fulfill a mission equally important — Operation Noble Eagle, the air-defense mission aimed at preventing terrorist attacks in the United States.

The organization comprises Air Force active-duty and reserve components, and Canadian military members serving in 10 fighter wings and three command and control centers.

“We have a steady-state mission of protecting the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands from airborne attack by terrorists or (anyone) who would be willing to use airborne objects to attack the U.S.,” said Maj. Gen. Craig McKinley, 1st Air Force commander.

Following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, 1st Air Force operations went into high-gear to protect the continental United States from further terrorist aggression, both inside and outside U.S. borders.

“We monitor more than 6,000 flights at any given time, and we have flown more than 34,000 sorties since Sept. 11, 2001,” General McKinley said. “These sorties were conducted by ANG and active-duty units alike.”

The level of support is astonishing, General McKinley said. For example, active Air Force units have helped by flying combat-air patrols over specific areas, since they have large air wings and resources capable of meeting the demands associated with those

missions. In turn, ANG aircraft sit on alert at strategic locations throughout the United States, he said.

Additionally, 1st Air Force has formed partnerships with such agencies as the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation and Secret Service.

“Before Sept. 11, 2001, we looked outward, primarily focusing on defending our air-defense identification zones from penetration outside the U.S.,” General McKinley said. “(We were) limited to responding to and defending against those threats.

“Now, our focus is internal,” he said. “Through our partnerships, we can see and communicate with (aircraft we are interested in) anywhere in the country. It took a lot of interagency cooperation to do that.”

At the heart of 1st Air Force are its air-defense sectors and its combined air operations center here. The Southeast Air Defense Sector is one of three facilities that monitors air traffic across the United States. The sector’s area of responsibility is the southeastern portion of the United States, spanning nearly 1 million square miles of airspace and 3,000 miles of coastline from Virginia to Texas.

Inside the sector’s facility, controllers use the latest computer technology to identify and track aircraft 24 hours a day.

“We have 200 full-time and 80 traditional guardsmen in the facility,” said Col. Charles Campbell, the sector’s commander. “Their job is to monitor the scopes and decipher what’s out there.”

Since the FAA is the primary controller of U.S. air-

space, a representative is on duty in the facility to assist commanders with interagency coordination. When an aircraft cannot be identified through conventional means such as radio or radar, the FAA can coordinate with commanders and controllers to scramble aircraft to rapidly intercept and identify it.

CAOC officials must plan resources for the sector’s mission. The CAOC maintains operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year with the mission of planning the 1st Air Force homeland defense mission, said Col. Kevin Burman, 601st Air Operations Group commander.

“We’re the senior Air Force command and control agency here,” Colonel Burman said. “We operate a complete air tasking order cycle.”

The CAOC staff includes Airmen who monitor the sky over the United States and coordinate with government agencies such as the FAA. Based on the location and number of aircraft available, CAOC officials generate plans to determine how 1st Air Force will best conduct its air-defense mission.

Ensuring Americans are able to live normal lives, uninhibited by the threat of airborne terror, is the bottom line for the Airmen who make up the organization, and they take their jobs very seriously, General McKinley said.

“This second front of the war on terrorism, while not publicized a lot, is a very significant mission for (1st Air Force) and the Air Force,” General McKinley said. “Any failure here at home gives terrorists an advantage we don’t want them to have.” (AFPN)

NASA selects Air Force pilot for astronaut training

One Air Force pilot was recently selected by NASA to be an astronaut candidate for the space shuttle program.

Maj. James P. Dutton of Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., is the only Air Force officer among 11 military and civilians to be accepted by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration this year.

“Two-hundred eight Air Force officers’ applications met the initial board that met here in May 2003,” said Mrs. Lynda Conner, of the special flying programs office at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

One hundred twenty-five were forwarded to NASA after medical screening. Twelve of those were inter-

viewed by NASA and one was selected, Mrs. Conner said.

“The last time the Air Force was asked to hold an astronaut board was in 1999,” she said. “From that board, seven Air Force officers were selected to be astronaut candidates.”

Major Dutton will report to the Johnson Space Center Astronaut Office in Houston later this year for a one-year candidacy program.

He will enter the basic astronaut program, which develops background knowledge and skills for future space flights.

Upon successful completion of training and indoctrination, candidates are certified by NASA as shuttle crew members. (AFPN)



Photo by Ms. Laura Pellegrino

IDs, please

Ms. Alex Gaggero, shopette cashier, checks a customer's military identification card during a transaction. Team Holloman members must show their IDs when purchasing items at the base exchange, commissary and shopette.

AF Climate Survey results reveal progress in most areas

by **Nicole Gamez**

Air Force Climate Survey team

The 2003 Air Force Climate Survey results have been analyzed, and final reports have been released to unit-level leaders for action.

The survey ran Oct. 1 to Nov. 23.

“As the leaders of the world’s greatest air and space force, we share a commitment to continually seek improvement. The survey results give our leaders targets for improvement from the people who know best — our Airmen,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. “For the survey to be a true success, leaders must now take this information and use it to focus their efforts within their organizations. I urge leaders to brief the results to their members and then translate that information into action.”

Previous surveys included active-duty Airmen and appropriated-fund civilians. To provide a clearer picture of the entire force, the 2003 survey included the Reserve, Guard and nonappropriated-fund civilians. More than 50 percent of the total force took the survey.

It addressed job characteristics, unit resources, core values, supervision, unit chain of command, training and development, and job enhancement. It

also focused on teamwork, participation and involvement, recognition, unit flexibility, general satisfaction and unit performance outcomes.

The Air Force Manpower Agency’s survey team worked with experts at the U.S. Air Force Academy’s department of management to ensure accurate analysis of the survey data.

Each question was answered on a six-point scale ranging from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree.” The total percentage of “agree” responses are the sum of “strongly agree,” “agree” and “slightly agree” percentages.

Air Force-wide, unit performance outcomes, job characteristics and core values were the highest rated factors at 94-, 92-, and 87-percent agreement respectively. These results indicate that people believe they are meeting their missions’ goals, find their jobs important and challenging, and believe that their unit understands and demonstrates Air Force core values, officials said.

Eighty-six percent of the survey participants said that people in their work groups exercise teamwork and perform essential work that is considered above and beyond the call of duty. Eighty-five percent of respondents agreed that they have the required training to do their jobs, and that they

have opportunities for professional growth.

Overall, supervision was rated at 84 percent, while 81 percent believed their chain of command positively influenced the direction, people and culture of their units.

Although active-duty Airmen and appropriated-fund civilian participants’ ratings increased from the 2002 survey, the results showed room for improvement in several areas. Seventy-eight percent of the respondents are generally satisfied with their jobs, are involved in their work place’s decisions and believe their units respond well to change.

Since the first survey in 1997, acknowledgment of exceptional performance and management of time, people and equipment areas continue to score low in the survey; however, both have continued to increase. Comments received in the recognition area indicate that a simple “thank you” for a job well done can be just as effective as a formal award, officials said.

Sixty-five percent of participants agree morale in their unit is high. This number has increased from 55 percent in 1997.

In comparison with other components, active-duty Airmen rate all fac-

tors lower than reservists, guardsmen and civilians. Officers consistently rate all factors higher than enlisted Airmen and civilians with the exception of the unit resources factor.

Since 2002, the number of active-duty Airmen (deployed and at home station) who intend to remain in the Air Force has decreased significantly.

Analysis by Air Force Academy officials revealed that the chain of command as a whole, rather than the commander or supervisor alone, drives performance, satisfaction, organizational commitment and one’s intent to remain in the Air Force.

Further analysis revealed that of all the factors the survey addresses, an Airman’s career intentions are most affected by organizational commitment and satisfaction, not by work hours.

According to the survey results, ratings increased in units where leaders used the results positively. The 2003 factor ratings were compared against the question, “Did my leader use the results in a positive way?” The results showed leaders who shared results and used ideas and suggestions had higher positive responses in all factors. Leaders that took action on previous survey results also increased their units’ overall scores, officials said. (AFPN)

Know limitations, stay alert for safe motorcycle ride

by **John Ingle**

82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

Bennie Brashear hopped on the motorcycle he had just finished repairing and took it for a spin to make sure everything was working right.

The training manager for the 382nd Training Squadron here has been riding since he was 15 years old and drove a 30-mile paper route. As he was test-driving the repaired bike, the one thing most motorcycle riders dread appeared in front of him: A car driven by an unaware driver.

The driver began to turn in front of Mr. Brashear, stopping just before it was too late. Mr. Brashear said he used a predetermined “escape route” to

handle the situation.

He said he knows that even with his 35 years of experience, riding a bike is still a learning process. In this case, riders always have to watch out for other drivers.

“(That driver) told me if I would’ve had my headlight on, he would’ve seen me. That taught me a lesson,” said Mr. Brashear, a member of the Sheppard Riders Association.

All too often, young riders think nothing will happen to them because they have been through safety courses and are riding with experienced riders, he said.

“Some of these guys think since they are riding with guys with years of experience, they can just jump on a motorcycle

and ride like (the more experienced riders) do,” he said. “My advice for younger riders is (not to) drive past (their) limitations.”

He recalled an incident in 2003 when a group of riders was riding south of nearby Wichita Falls. One of the young riders took a corner too fast and took a spill on the recently paved road.

Mr. Brashear said although the rider received minor injuries to his elbows and a knee, the incident could have been prevented.

“I really think a lot of the accidents are due to inexperience,” he said. “Going around a curve and (losing) control — that’s inexperience.”

People should not be lulled

into complacency thinking they are safer riding motorcycles on base, he said.

Master Sgt. Diane Payton, a military training leader in the 361st TRS, was riding her motorcycle here and was behind another motorcycle at the time.

She said she noticed a car leaving a parking lot, and the driver was not paying attention. Sergeant Payton said the driver was focused on the lead bike.

The driver then pulled out in front of her, she said.

“I was about 10 feet behind the first bike, and I saw the driver’s head following the bike in front of me when he started pulling out,” she said. “I hit the brakes and missed

side-swiping him by about a foot.”

She said she was wearing all of the required protective equipment, an orange reflective vest and had her headlights on.

Safety courses, protective equipment and experience are important in making young riders good riders, Mr. Brashear said. It is part of the motorcycle mentoring program under way in the Air Force.

More than anything else, Mr. Brashear said knowing limitations and remaining aware of the surrounding environment, such as road conditions and other drivers, are the keys to having a safe and enjoyable ride. (AFPN)